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1. DURING POST-PRIVATE MEETING CONVERSATION, TURKISH PERMREP KIRCA TOLD DCM THAT WHILE HE CONSIDERED HIS POINT RE RELATIONSHIP OF LTDP TO NAC AND DPC "CONSTITUTIONALLY" SOUND, TURKEY WOULD ACCEPT USE OF THE "LONDON FORMULA" IN CONNECTION WITH WASHINGTON SUMMIT CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS REGARDING LTDP. THUS, HE SAID, TURKS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT FORMULA ALONG LINES OF "NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE" AS LEAD-IN TO COMMUNIQUE PARAGRAPHS ON LTDP AND WOULD NOT INSIST ON JURIDICAL ARGUMENT THAT THE SUMMIT DISCUSSION OF LTDP TOOK PLACE IN FRAMEWORK OF A DPC (PARA 8 REFTEL).
 2. KIRCA WENT ON TO SAY HE UNDERSTOOD US CONCERNS AND REEMPHASIZED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT TURKS DID NOT PLAN TO CREATE ANY DIFFICULTIES ON THIS ISSUE. THEY ONLY WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO GREEKS THAT GREEK PARTICIPATION IN LTDP DISCUSSIONS AT SUMMIT, AS AT NATO HEAD-QUARTERS, WAS NOT AUTOMATIC.

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3. WHILE THE POTENTIAL TURKISH PROBLEM NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, WE CONTINUE, OF COURSE, TO FACE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH, NOTED REFTEL.
4. DUTCH PERMREP BARKMAN AND DCM BUWALDA, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS, SAID NETHERLANDS WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE EFFORT BY FRENCH TO DEVELOP SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE FOR

LTDP AND "POLITICAL" SUBJECTS AT THE SUMMIT.

5. ERIK BAL, BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS, TOLD US HE BELIEVED FRENCH RIGIDITY WAS LINKED TO FACT THAT (A) SUMMIT WAS BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON, (B) FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF LONDON SUMMIT IT COULD GIVE IMPRESSION NATO SUMMITS WERE BECOMING INSTITUTIONALIZED, AND (C) PRESENCE OF DEFENSE MINISTERS AT WASHINGTON SUMMIT ADDED TO LIKELIHOOD THAT FRENCH WOULD SEEK EVEN MORE THAN USUALLY TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH NATO DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, BAL SAID BELGIANS WERE UNCERTAIN RE VANDEN BOEYNANTS' ATTENDANCE AT THE SUMMIT. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE FOREGOING, HOWEVER, THAT BAL WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT DEFENSE MINISTERS NOT ATTEND (BRUSSELS) 8145). BENNETT

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